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Ford Hits Concepts Of Nixon

President Ford says he doesn't agree with former President Nixon's philosophy that a chief executive, in certain circumstances, may rightfully take actions that would normally be considered unlawful.

Mr. Ford rejected Nixon's concept of presidential power during a news conference Friday in Chicago with the Northern Illinois Newspaper Association.

Mr. Ford appeared perturbed when asked whether he agreed with Nixon that in the questioner's words, "It is all right for a President to break the law in certain circumstances."

"I don't agree," said the President, raising his voice slightly.

He looked surprised when asked if he considered a President a "sovereign," as Nixon has stated he does. "I certainly do not," Mr. Ford replied. "And I do not expect the public to treat me that way . . . It's so foreign to our society."